

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we have a moral responsibility to our children, as well as to the resources entrusted to us by our Maker, to advocate education in conservation and natural resources for the present and oncoming urban generations; and

WHEREAS, the decision-making process bearing on the future of our natural resources can no longer be left wholly to the specialists. The quantity and quality of these resources have now become critical not only in terms of our nation and its role in world affairs, and our well-being as viable communities, but also in terms of basic opportunities and resource wealth for our children; and

WHEREAS, it is time for the people of South Dakota, as responsible citizens, to take the initiative in resource conservation and development, because participation is the essence of democracy--and the true steward, conscious of his responsibility to God for the care of the wealth of resources He has placed at our disposal, will welcome the opportunity to strive for the quality of our natural resource environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NILS A. BOE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19-26, 1968, as--

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

and urge all the citizens of this state, along with their organizations and institutions, to be come involved with fresh vigor in the obligations we have to our Creator for the care and wise use of the earth He has entrusted to us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 9th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-eight.

*Nils A. Boe*  
NILS A. BOE, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Alma Larson*  
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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